reserved vacancies and the other for general ones against the direct recruitment quota.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Employees opposition to off loading of equity of Airlines Shares

71. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the proposal for off loading up to 49 per cent of the equity of Air India and Indian Airlines is opposed by the employees of both the Airlines and they had gone on strike on 29th November, 1991 against it;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the issue; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The Air Corporations Employees Union, a recognised union of Indian Airlines' employees, had joined the industrial action on the 29th November 1991, on the call of All India Convention of Central Public Sector Trade Unions against privatisation of Public Sector. ACEU and some other employees have expressed their apprehensions against privatisation of the two Air Corporation. There is no proposal to privatise them.

Cost Reduction in Air India

72. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Public Enterprises has suggested to Air India for cost reduction to the extent of 5 per cent;

(b) if so, what proposals Air India has put forward to the said suggestion;

(c) whether any proposal has been mooted to reduce the cost of litigation in respect of Air India with special reference to the cases being fought against its own employees; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The instructions of Department of Public Enterprises issued in October, 1990 conveyed the decision of the Government for a ten per cent cut in the balance of expenditure for the year 1990-91. Accordingly, Air India has taken action to reduce expenditure on controllable items of expenditure, like Overtime, Training/Travelling expenses, Transport, Telephone etc.

(c) and (d) The management of Air India is often compeued to respond to iltigation initiated by employees. It is the constant endeavour of the management to keep harmonious relations with the employees and avoid unnecessary litigation and expenditure thereon.

विदेशी पर्यटकों की कश्मीर, सिक्किम और नागालैण्ड की यात्रा

73. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले एक वर्ष के दौरान कितने विदेशी पर्यटकों ने कश्मीर, सिक्किम और नागालैण्ड की यात्रा की; और

(ख) देश के कौन-कौन से क्षेत्रों में विदेशी पर्यटकों के प्रवेश पर प्रतिबंध है और उन्हें वहां की यात्रा करने के लिए विशेष अनुमति पत्र लेने की आवश्यकता पड़ती है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) राज्य सरकारों से उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार